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## 2009 rodeo season has begun!

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The Minnesota Rodeo Association will be back at the Red Horse Ranch in Fergus Falls again this year for the MRA Finals. The event will be held Friday, October 2nd & Saturday, October 3rd. More details to come!.

We are looking forward to a great year of rodeos with great things to come. Check the website for the updated Schedule page.

All events must have

their sponsorship money in to the MRA office by September 1st, 2009. If money is not in the office by this date then the remaining balance will be divided up among the finals contestants in that event and added on to their finals entry fees.

All members can get sponsorship money. Use the gift form downloadable on our website. Fill out and return to the MRA Office with sponsorship money.

### JUST A REMINDER:

Newsletters will only be sent out via email. If you know someone who does not have internet access please let them know of any important information they need to know about.

The schedule is printable online at [www.mnrodeo.org](http://www.mnrodeo.org).

Please use our website as your information guide to the MRA.

## Rule Changes/Additions To be voted on at the June Board Meeting

**Page 18 #11 reads:** Judges wages will be \$125.00 per performance of a rodeo.

**Change too:** Judges wages will be a minimum of \$200.00 per performance of a rodeo.

**Rule page 23 #4 reads:** Maximum of a \$8 stock charge and \$2 per contestant per event Finals charge will be added to all members competing at MRA sanctioned rodeos. The \$2 Finals charge will go towards the MRA Finals Rodeo.

**ADD: In the team roping the stock charge will be \$8 per team or \$4 per man.**

**Rulebook on page 22 #3 reads:**

#3: Timers are required to use large ten second sweep watches in the riding events and digital watches are required in the timed events. **Record in the hundredths.**

#4: Two time keepers are required for steer wrestling, team roping, 40+ calf roping, calf roping, barrel racing and breakaway roping. If the two timers are not the same an average will be taken of the recorded time. #5: All times in the barrel

racing will be recorded in hundredths of a second for point's tabulation. All times in the steer wrestling will be recorded in tenths of a second for point's tabulation.

**(OMIT: Record in hundredths from #3, rewrite as: Record in tenths of a second for Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Calf Roping, Over 40 Calf Roping, in the Barrel Racing record times in hundredths of a second. DO NOT ROUND: Record as displayed on the stopwatch.)**



Rachael Peterson  
2009 MRA Queen

*"Dream as if  
you'll live  
forever. Live  
as if you'll die  
tomorrow."  
James Dean*

# Rule Changes 2008-2009

## Articles of Incorporation Changed too

All Board of Directors will receive a free MRA membership card, including the secretary, point standings secretary, and Treasurer. Director complimentary memberships would be on a contingency basis. A Director will pay for their membership, as normal, in advance. Then, they earn back their membership by attending meetings at \$10 credit per meeting and/or securing \$1000 in sponsorships. At which time they will be issued a check for their membership amount.

## Barrel Racing pg. 50 #14 Changed too:

All digits beyond hundredths will be ignored. In the event the electric eye fails to operate; time from each of the two stopwatches shall be averaged, and a zero will be added to the tenth. (15.1 becomes 15.10)

## Day Money pg. 30 Changed too:

Day money will be available to each MRA rodeo that has 2 or more performances at a fee of \$5 per event entered

## Stock Contractors:

### Add:

1. A new rodeo stock contractor making application for approval by the MRA must pay annual dues of \$35.00.
  - A. Submit a detailed resume giving company's complete rodeo history, production experience, number of stock owned, rodeos under contract and possible new MRA rodeos.
  - B. Submit a list of all his rodeos held the previous year.
2. All new stock contractors will be permit stock con-

tractors and will not be allowed to bid MRA rodeos until full approval is granted. Final approval of all new stock contract

3. tor will be made during the annual meeting by a majority vote of the existing stock contractors and MRA board.
4. The MRA Board will review each approved stock contractor annually to see that their stock
5. The stock contractor will be certain that all contract personnel (Judges, secretary, timers, pickup men, etc) working their rodeos are members in good standing, have met all necessary approval standards and is a current member of the MRA.
5. All MRA stock contractors must have at least 4 approved MRA sanctioned rodeos at least 1 MRA first approved with all sanction fees paid up to date, for their stock to be eligible for the MRA finals.

## Team Roping Pg. 59 #31 Add:

If one partner in the team roping does not show, contestant can choose a partner from a team that is only entered once or any contestant that is already entered in another event in that rodeo. No contestant may go more times then allowed to make up the team. The rodeo secretary must be notified before the performance begins. After one man is declared not there and another partner is substituted, you cannot change back to the original partner. The partner that does not show will be fined equal to the amount of the entry fee plus \$25 (as stated by the MRA TO rule). The team will draw stock in the original position

## Rodeo Entry Pg. 23 #4 Changed too:

Maximum of a \$8 stock charge and \$2 per contestant per event Finals charge will be added to all members competing at MRA sanctioned rodeos. The \$2 Finals charge will go towards the MRA Finals Rodeo.

## Rodeo Entry (PG. 28 #29) Add:

All nine events to follow entry fee scale by added money.  
<\$300 ADM EF \$50; \$301-\$500 ADM EF \$60; >\$501 ADM EF \$70.

## BULL RIDING: (PG. 38 #8) Changed too:

If a qualified ride is made by a contestant and the animal is scored by both judges at 16 or under, falls on side, belly, rear-end drops to the ground or stops, then the contestant will have the option of a re-ride. Judge will notify the announcer if a re-ride is to be given.

## BULL RIDING: (PG. 41 #1) Changed too:

Bull must be ridden 8 seconds. Time starts when any part of the bull breaks the plane of the gate.

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: (PG. 9 #10) Changed too:

A current member in good standing of the MN High School Rodeo Association and Little Britches Association will receive full member status for a fee of \$10 upon receipt of a stamped notarized MRA release of liability and copy of membership status to the MNHSRA or Little Britches Association.

# 2008-2009 Rule Changes Continued from pg. 2

**Rule Page 8 #6:**  
**Reads:** To compete at the Finals contestant must enter and compete at a minimum of 3 first sanctioned rodeos.  
**ADD:** In order for a Rodeo to count as one of the contested MRA first sanctioned rodeos the contestant card must be purchased before competing at that rodeo. (Regarding points at that rodeo please see rule page 11 #8.)

**Membership Requirements:**  
 Anyone who raises \$500, or more cash sponsorship will be eligible to receive a free one year membership.  
 Anyone who raises \$500 or more worth product sponsorship that reduces the MRA expenses by \$500 or more as approved by the board will be eligible to receive a free one year membership.  
 Only one membership per person per year.

**Point System & Finals Qualification:**  
**Add to pg 11 #8:**  
 In order for a rodeo to count as one of the contested MRA first sanctioned rodeos, the contestant card must be purchased before competing at that rodeo. (See rule page 8 #6 regarding points to count.)

**All these rule are in effect for the 2009 Rodeo Season. Contact the MRA office for a rulebook insert.**

*"You are never given a dream without also being given the power to make it true. You may have to work for it, however."  
 Richard Bach*

## Buy your 2009 MRA Memberships now!

Download your 2009 MRA Membership Application on the web at [www.mnrodeo.org](http://www.mnrodeo.org). Buy your memberships now. Reminder to all members: Anyone who raises \$500 in cash sponsorships earns a free MRA membership.

Any renewal memberships need to be sent in with the \$10 late fee or they will not be activated.

All Minnesota High School Rodeo members and Little Britches Members, your memberships only cost \$10. Just fill out your application and send it in with a signed notary and copy of membership to youth association and you will receive a full status MRA membership.



## 2009 Board of Directors

**President:** Dan Bergerson  
**Vice President:** Karl Johnson  
**Secretary:** Heidi Gunderson  
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 Trevor Osterbauer  
**Steer Wrestling:** Matt Tellegan  
 Ken Davis  
**Calf Roping:** Toby Boeta  
 Matt Otto  
**O40 Calf Roping:** Jeff Thurlow  
 David Slipka

**Breakaway Roping:**  
 Jessie Otto  
 Corey Wulf  
**Barrel Racing:**  
 Sabrina Haugen  
 Christine Nevela  
**Queen Director:**  
 Rita Hamilton

**Team Roping:**  
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 Bill VanLith  
**Judge:**  
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**PR Director:**  
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### NOTE: MEETING DATE CHANGE

Meeting days are changing from Tuesday nights to Wednesday nights. So come and let your voice be heard!

Date of next meeting: June 17th

Place: Godfather's Pizza, St. Cloud

Time: 7:30 pm

All are welcome!

Rodeo in Minnesota!



## Fine List....

Alten, Jason	Gaines, Mickey	Koptke, Luke	Ryan, Gabrielle	Brunstad, Kyle
Bergeron, Brandon	Glover, Jason	Linam, Colt	Schrandt, Stacy	Oase, Justin
Binias, Nick	Granny, Matt	Marcheck, Zach	Sharp, Travis	Miller, Dana
Cummings, Jodi	Huver, Sherry	Midtlie, Nick	Simmons, Cole	Winters, Sunny
Duclose, Bethany	Iverson, Brandon	Morrell, Brandon	Stevens, Todd	Murphy, Jamie
Endstad, Joleen	Julin, Ryan	Most, Nick	Turner, Tonya	
Evers, Cody	Kenties, Chase	Myran, Cody	Uphoff, Chris	
Ferrell, Charles	Knapper, Melitta	Pasch, Mike	Welch, Jacole	
Freeman, Amanda	Knox, Jessica	Pika, Chris	Wojocowski, Tyler	
Froughling, Kelly	Knudson, Blaine	Pulak, Jake	Wright, Sherri	
Gaarder, Alisha	Knuth, Mike	Raggots, John	Wyle, Robyn	

**HEADS UP! The MRA Fine List goes to the website.** MRA Fine list is public. The Board has cracked down on those competing even though being on the fine list. Contestants on the suspension list will not receive points at rodeos competed in while on the fine list if fine is not paid within 14 days notice. A letter of suspension will be sent to all active/competing members on the fine list to confirm the removal of points. If fine is not paid within 14 days of acceptance of said letter all points during the 2009 season will be forfeited. The rulebook is to be enforced as written.

Listed above are all the fines that are owed to the MRA office. You may owe another association and must still pay those fines before you may be able to compete and receive points at MRA rodeos